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SUBJECT: CORONA Mission Planning

TO: Chairman, Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

1. On 22 July 1968, when considering the guidance for programming Mission 1104, DIA recommended to the ICRS that six ICBM complexes be deleted from the proposed list. DIA suggested that a procedure of selective programming of ICBM complexes, based on current and estimative intelligence, should be employed rather than the current practice of scheduling equal collection effort against all ICBM complexes regardless of their estimated activity. The data tabulated in Enclosure 1 was presented in support of this approach.

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2. The matter was deferred to a later meeting and subsequently re-introduced by DIA during ICRS action to prioritize Mission 1104. It was then recommended that the six ICBM complexes be downgraded from Priority 1 to a Priority 2. When apprised of the special collection requirement to support preparation of a SNIE, DIA agreed to the retention of all ICBM complexes as Priority 1.

3. It was and still is the DIA contention that across-the-board and continual assignment of high priority to certain target categories, ICBM or otherwise, for each mission, is an inefficient and unacceptable method of complying with the USIB guidance for CORONA tasking. In this regard, two specific areas of COMINTREX cognizance are germane:

a. First is guidance for programming. Although not actually establishing collection priorities or requirements, this guidance does provide a list of specific targets for programming camera actions, should a collection requirement exist during the mission. While this or a similar procedure is necessary, inherent in making up this list is the inclusion of certain priority areas and the exclusion of other non-priority areas, e.g., the recommended guidance for programming 1048 lists all ☐ ICBM sites but only ☐ MRBM sites.

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b. Second and more significant is the actual assignment of priority to objectives for camera actions, which occurs in subsequent ICRS action. Here the relationship between the USIB guidance and the CORONA mission requirement given to the NRO appears in conflict.

4. The USIB guidance for search mode CORONA operation is summarized as follows:

a. Eighty to 90 per cent of the built up areas of the Soviet Bloc and Communist China each six months.

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b. Approximately 75 per cent of the underdeveloped areas of the Soviet Bloc and Communist China annually.

c. Approximately 2.5 million square miles of intelligence coverage outside the Soviet Bloc and Communist China annually.

d. Seven to 10 million square miles of coverage outside the Soviet Bloc and Communist China for mapping and charting.

e. In addition to the above, approximately five per cent of the film is allocated to targets and areas of current intelligence interest.

5. The approved priorities for Mission 1104 are as shown in Enclosure 2. It is assumed that the number of individually identified targets roughly indicates the extent of current intelligence interest for Mission 1104.

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repetitive coverage of all objectives in a particular target category is considered to be a major contributing factor towards our inability to meet the stated USIB area coverage requirements.

6. It is therefore recommended that the COMIREX review the priorities of Mission 1104 and provide guidance to the ICRS for Mission 1048. If the arguments put forth above are valid, it is recommended that the criteria for submitting current intelligence objectives be redefined to ICRS. If on the other hand, a restatement of USIB guidance is necessary to reflect actual and proper operating procedures, it is recommended that such action be initiated by the COMIREX.

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2 Enclosure a/s

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Attachment 4 to  
ICRS-M-10.COMIREX Priorities for Mission 1104Extraordinary

None

Priority 1

China, South of 30° North, East of 97° East  
 East European Communist Countries  
 (Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania,  
 Bulgaria and Albania)  
 North Korea  
 North Vietnam  
 Holiday Areas in the USSR, China North of 30° North and West of 97° East

Svobodnyy ICBM Launch Complex (1A 28)	5146N 12806E
Plesetsk ICBM Launch Complex (1A 3)	6254N 04038E
Tyura Tam MTR Launch Cplx (1A 19)	4538N 06317E
Aleysk ICBM Launch Cplx (1A 125)	5229N 08243E
✓ Drovyanaya ICBM Launch Complex (1A 30)	5131N 11300E
Kostroma ICBM Launch Complex (1A 38)	5746N 04101E
Itatka ICBM Launch Complex (1A 44)	5650N 08535E
Yoshkar-Ola ICBM Launch Complex (1A 26)	5633N 04801E
Perm ICBM Launch Complex (1A 52)	5742N 05619E
✓ Shadrinsk ICBM Launch Complex (1A 45)	5607N 06339E
Teykovo ICBM Complex (1A 56)	5652N 04034E
✓ Gladkaya ICBM Launch Complex (1A 70)	5606N 09214E
Tyumen ICBM Launch Complex (1A 59)	5652N 06551E
Uzhur ICBM Launch Complex (1A 74)	5517N 08949E
Yurya ICBM Launch Complex (1A 5)	5904N 04917E
Kozelsk ICBM Launch Complex (1A 103)	5356N 03549E
✓ Olovyanaya ICBM Launch Complex (1A 121)	5049N 11550E
Zhangiz-Tobe ICBM Launch Complex (1A 123)	4912N 08109E
Dombarovskiy ICBM Launch Complex (1A 124)	5101N 05950E
Kartaly ICBM Launch Complex (1A 126)	5302N 06034E
Imeni Gastello ICBM Launch Complex (1A 127)	5106N 06618E
✓ Tatishchevo ICBM Launch Complex (1A 128)	5140N 04534E

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Gelli IRBM Complex (1B 48)	4243N 04725E
Groznyy MRBM Complex (1B 59)	4310N 04500E
Sary Ozek IRBM Complex (1B 106)	4433N 07746E
Gvardeysk MRBM Complex (1B 62)	5443N 02110E
Kapustin Yar/Vladimirovka Missile Test Center (1C 1)	4835N 04545E
Sary Shagan Missile Test Center (1C 3)	4602N 07334E
Emba Missile Test Center (1C 15)	4832N 05759E
Shuang Cheng Tzu Missile Test Center (1C 9)	4108N 10015E
Nenoksa MTC Launch Area A (1C 44)	6438N 03911E
Pei Ching SAWR Facility (9A 98)	3940N 11620E
Kuybyshev Airframe Plant 18 Lenin (2B 21)	5313N 05019E
Shuang Cheng Tzu SAWR Facility (9A 92)	4153N 10102E
Shuang Cheng Tzu SAWR Facility (9A 94)	4218N 10107E
Kamenets - Podolskiy MRBM Complex (1B 65)	4853N 02651E
Kremovo MRBM Complex (1B 72)	4401N 13223E
Kurgancha MRBM Complex (1B 74)	3937N 06555E
Marina Gorka MRBM Complex (1B 78)	5326N 02745E
Maykop MRBM Complex (1B 79)	4429N 03957E
Mukachevo MRBM Complex (1B 81)	4819N 02234E
Paplaka MRBM Complex (1B 88)	5624N 02117E
Simferopol MRBM Complex (1B 108)	4456N 03423E
Shuang Cheng Tzu SAWR Facility (9A 95)	4152N 10033E
Peking SAWR Facility (9A 97)	3950N 11644E
Vladivostok Naval Base and Shipyard 202 (1G 17B)	4306N 13155E
Petrovka Shipyard (1G 26)	4307N 13220E
Severodvinsk Shipyard #402 (1G 1A)	6434N 03949E
Sevastopol Naval Base (1G 36B)	4436N 03329E
Moscow ABM Search (1H 6)	5545N 03737E
Leningrad Prob Long Range SAM Area (1H 7)	5955N 03020E
Lai Yang SAM Site (1I 605)	3657N 12035E
Hai Yen SAM Site B25-2 (1I 606)	3649N 10045E
Yen Tai Cruise Missile Site (1J 40A)	3736N 12123E
Shenyang Airframe Plant (2B 18)	4152N 12325E
Kiev Airframe Plant 473 (2B 5)	5027N 03024E
Tashkent Airframe Plant No. 84 (2B 33A)	4118N 06918E

Lop Nor Nuclear Test Site (3A 2)

Lan Chou SAM Search Area (1E 180)

3609N 10330E

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Lop Nor Prob Support Base (Chiu Ho Shih) (3C 2)	4211N 08719E
Kazan ABM/PLRS Search (1E 189)	5547N 04908E
Donetsk ABM Search (1E 197)	4800N 03747E
Sverdlovsk ABM Search (1E 198)	5650N 06030E
Nordvik Hen House Search (1E 200)	7402N 11132E
Dnepropetrovsk ABM Search (1E 202)	4828N 03502E
Khatanga Hen House Search (1E 208)	7158N 10228E
Nikolayevsk Hen House Search (1E 209)	5308N 14040E
Yakutsk Hen House Search (1E 217)	6202N 12944E
Lu Shun Kou Sub Base (4A 14A)	3847N 12114E
Komsomolsk Shipyard, Amur 199 (4B 12)	5032N 13703E
Shanghai Shipyard Complex (4B 13A)	3115N 12132E
Hai Yang Tao Naval Facility (4A 114)	3903N 12310E
Khorol Airfield, East (2A 69)	4427N 13208E
Ussuriysk/Vozdvizhenka Airfield (2A 55)	4354N 13155E
Zavitinsk Airfield, N.E. (2C 936)	5011N 12931E
Siem Reap Airfield (2C 1008)	1325N 10349E

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Priority 3

## Domestic Targets:

Grants, New Mexico (10E 5)	3513N 10750W
Grand Junction, Col. (10E 6)	3902N 10833W
Uravan, Col. (10E 8)	3822N 10845W

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Priority 4\*

Domestic Areas:

- 1) 31 45N to 37 00N  
109 00W to 115 00W
- 2) 35 15N to 37 45N  
117 30W to 120 30W
- 3) 37 15N to 39 45N  
91 07W to 94 22W
- 4) 37 45N to 40 15N  
83 00W to 86 15W
- 5) 34 00N to 36 30N  
76 07W to 79 15W

Leopoldville, Congo

- 1) 03°30'S - 06°00'S, 11°30'E - 14°00'E

Fernando Po

- 1) 02°50'N - 04°10'N, 08° - 10°00'E

Aldabra Islands

- 1) 9° - 10°S, 46° - 47°E

Saipan, Tinian, Rota, Aguijan and Guam Islands

- 1) 13° - 14°N, 144°30'E - 145°30'E

Babelthuap, Kokor Island Area

- 1) 06°45'N - 07°50'N, 134°00'E - 134°50'E

Engebi Island Area (10B 10)

- 1) 11°38'30"N - 162°16'30"E

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Priority 4 (continued)

Bamako, Mali

- 1) 09°00'N - 13°30'W
- 2) 11°00'N - 10°00'W
- 3) 09°00'N - 07°30'W
- 4) 05°00'N - 06°00'W
- 5) Northwest along coast

Priority 5 \*

Domestic Areas:

- 1) 40 00N to 42 30N  
96 00W to 99 15W
- 2) 30 45N to 33 15N  
94 00W to 97 00W
- 3) 35 45N to 38 15N  
106 07W to 109 22W

Mapping and Charting, outside the USSR, China, North Korea and East European Communist Countries.

Cuba

Program for area coverage only, film to be expended only on direction of COMIREX or if there is surplus beyond that needed to cover higher ranking priorities.

\* Requirement is for coverage of one of the Priority 4 or Priority 5 Domestic Targets in 90 percent or better cloud-free photography with simultaneous pan and frame stereo coverage.

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